Sparks from Fr. Mark
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2008

History of Life Teen/Edge

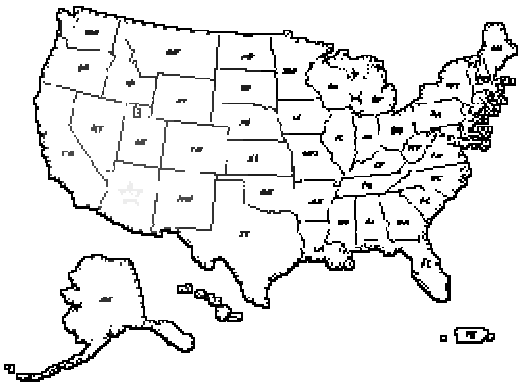
Life Teen began in 1985 as a single-parish program in Mesa, Arizona. As it grew in popularity with young people, others around the country began to take notice. The simple model of a Mass focused on young people and their families, followed by a catechetical session called a "Life Night," remains effective to this day. As more parishes inquired about the ministry, Life Teen began offering national training conferences on this new and comprehensive youth ministry model.

Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry that uses the Life Teen model to meet the catechetical, educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of young adolescents.

In the past two decades, Life Teen/Edge has grown into one of the most prolific Catholic youth ministry programs in the world. The ministry offers:

- Resources for starting and maintaining a parish Life Teen and Edge programs. Three Catholic websites for young people and youth ministers: lifeteen.com, camps.lifeteen.com, and ym.lifeteen.com.
- Three camp locations that provide Catholic summer camp experiences for teenagers.
- Training conferences, conventions and retreats.
- Youth events and leadership conferences.
- A knowledgeable and friendly staff.
- A production studio that creates video resources for parishes.

Currently, more than 1,050 parishes in 22 countries around the world implement the Life Teen/Edge model. Seeing young people come into relationship with Christ is what motivates us to serve.



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The Week Ahead

October 20-26, 2008

Monday, October 20

Liturgical Color: Green
Readings: Ephesians 2:1-10; Psalm 100:1-5; Luke 12:13-21
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Margaret "Peggy" Lawler)
6:30 – 8:00 pm: Cub Scouts
6:30 – 8:00 pm: Youth Ministry Core Team

Tuesday, October 21

Liturgical Color: Green
Readings: Ephesians 2:12-22; Psalm 85:9-14; Luke 12:35-38
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Mary Cappedal)
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, October 22

Liturgical Color: Green
Readings: Ephesians 3:2-12; Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 12:39-48
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For all who have been damaged by sexual abuse)
9:00 am – noon: Food Pantry
6:30 – 8:00 pm: Gatherings of Grace Core Team

Thursday, October 23

Liturgical Color: Green
Readings: Ephesians 3:14-21; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Luke 12:49-53
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For Madeleine Scott)

Friday, October 24

Liturgical Color: Green
Readings: Ephesians 4:1-6; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 12:54-59
No Daily Liturgy
6:30 – 8:30 pm: Cub Scout Pack Meeting

Saturday Morning, October 25

Liturgical Color: Green
Readings: Ephesians 4:7-16; Psalm 122:1-5; Luke 13:1-9
No Daily Liturgy
9:00 – noon: Food Pantry

Saturday Evening, October 25

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green
Readings: Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22: 34-40
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the OLBH Parish Community)
6:00 pm: OLBH Ministry Fair

Sunday, October 26

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

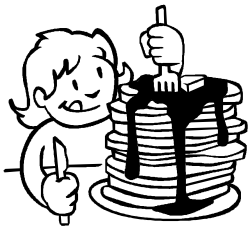
Liturgical Color: Green
Readings: Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22: 34-40
8:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Alfred Garza III)

8:00 am: Sacrament of Baptism
Landyn Timothy Mahaffy

8:30 – 10:15 am: RCIA class
9:00 am – 1:00 pm: Ministry Fair
9:00 am – 1:00 pm: Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
9:15 – 10:15 am: First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Gathering One, for parents
10:30 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Warren Biegler)

Parish Community News

October 19, 2008



Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

Come downstairs to the Parish Hall on Sunday, October 26 between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm and enjoy a tasty pancake breakfast prepared and served by our Boy Scouts.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

There will be a First Reconciliation/First Eucharist meeting for parents only on Sunday, October 26, 9:15-10:15 am. We will discuss the Sacraments and go over class requirements and expectations. If you have any questions please call Cathleen or Aaron Denekamp at 787-6398.

RENEW Week Three: Loving the Feminine and Masculine

Male and female we have been created. In God's image we have been created, but how do we relate with one another? The Spirit is calling us to more mature relationships of mutuality and respect. Both the masculine and feminine have unique gifts, gifts that are of equal worth. Now is a good time to renew our attitudes and values toward both, to develop right relationships between men and women, thereby working to end discrimination and bring about equality in our world. It is a "fundamental moral obligation to respect the dignity of every person as a child of God." *#40, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.*

Hey, Thanks!

The OLBH Prayer Blanket ministry wishes to thank the Knights of Columbus for providing labels for our blankets. You guys are the best!

Want to Vote but Don't Have a Ride?

If you need a ride to go vote, simply call the parish office at 787-5168 and leave your name, address and phone number. This information will be passed along to the OLBH Council of the Knights of Columbus and we will arrange a ride for you.

Ministry Fair

Don't forget the OLBH Ministry Fair, October 25-26 in the Parish Hall. You will have an opportunity to meet representatives of the 30+ ministries active at OLBH, and be eligible to win a turkey—just in time for Thanksgiving. See the enclosed flyer for more detailed information.

Knight of the Month

The Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate Bob Sass for being the October Knight of the Month. Bob does a great deal of work for the Knights and for our parish and never asks for recognition. When you see Bob, be sure to thank him for his dedication. Thanks, Bob!

Attention High School Seniors!

Next spring, a high school senior from our diocese will be awarded a four-year scholarship to the Catholic University of America. This could be you! Look for applications in the gathering area. For more information, please contact Teresa in the parish office at 787-5168.

Oktoberfest 2008

Don't forget Oktoberfest 2008, which will be held Sunday, October 19, beginning with the Family Fun Walk/Run from 3 to 5 pm (registration begins at 1:30) followed by a German FoodFest at 5 pm. We Fr. Arnie Kari from Sturgis will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

News from Around the Diocese

October 19, 2008

Christian Family Planning Seminar

The next Christian Family Planning Seminar will be offered on Saturday, November 15, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Fort Pierre. This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples who will be married in the Diocese of Rapid City. Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are also encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Annulment Meeting Canceled

Due to lack of registrations, the Marriage Annulment Information Meeting planned in Presho for Monday, October 20, has been canceled. If you want information about Catholic annulments, please contact the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal office at 343-3541.

Adult Leader Training for Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)

Blessed Sacrament Church

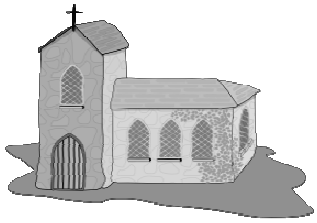
October 24-26

National TEC leaders will provide training. Guest speakers are Jim Kinyon, Director of Catholic Social Services who will speak about suicide prevention and referral, and Linda Severns, Director of Religious Education and Safe Environment Coordinator, will speak about diocesan safe environment procedures. For more information, contact Jeannie Fischer at 673-2958 or go to www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/Youth.htm.

40 Hours of Adoration

St. Therese Church will host 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration, for our country and for a culture of life, beginning at 8:00 am on Monday, November 3, and ending at 11:59 pm on Tuesday, November 4. Sign-up sheets will be available in each parish.

World Mission Sunday



Today is World Mission Sunday. As we remember our own mission history, we can offer our prayers and financial support to help 1,150 young churches around the world—in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands. Please consider using the enclosed envelopes for donations. Thank you.

GodStruck Concert

GodStruck, a Christian rock band from Gregory, SD, will perform at Alternative Fuel Coffee House in Rapid City on Friday, October 24 at 8:00 pm. This will be a fundraiser for some remodeling at St. Joseph's Church in Gregory.

Veni Si Ammas Fall Retreat

This retreat is for single Catholic women, 17-30 years of age, who are discerning the call to religious life. The retreat will be held November 7-9 at St. Francis Convent in Alton, IL. $15 fee. To register, go to www.altonfranciscans.org. Call (618) 463-2757 for more information. Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr of St. George.

Rachel's Corner

Because of the tender mercy of our God, the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace. (Luke 1:78-79)

If you or someone you know has experienced an abortion, we can help. Mercy, greater than you can imagine, awaits you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. For information on upcoming local retreats, contact Carol Kling at 374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com. Or, for general information, you may go directly to the Rachel's Vineyard National Website at www.rachelsvineyard.org or call the national office at (877) 467-3463.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

October 25-26, 2008

Ministry	Saturday, October 25 5:00 pm	Sunday, October 26 8:00 am	Sunday, October 26 10:30 am
Bread Baker	Becky Wentz	Becky Wentz	Becky Wentz
Altar Servers	Jessica Schacher Kimberly Schacher Olivia Lyle	Whitney Werdel Kerry Wilson Taylor Thies	Tyler Corbine Andrew Corbine Curt Mahaffy
Precious Blood	Roberta Balzer Beth Anne Ferley Betsy Van Asma Tom Van Asma	Kathy Amiotte Caitlin Wilson Brenda Jacobs Marty Quinn	Judy Nelson Mary Blauvelt Brad Blauvelt Jim Hoag
Precious Body	Walt Wilson	Walt Wilson	Walt Wilson
Lectors	Cathy Sass Carrie Baker	Kathy Amiotte Tony Berendse	Mary Coffin Bridgette Fode
Sacristans	Linda and Joe Schacher	Brenda and Marc Jacobs	The Blauvelt Family
Ushers	Sue and Steve Colgan	Don Everson Stan Barber	The Weaver Family
Choir	Lori Miller	Regina's Minstrels	Lori Miller

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns

Wanda Clemmons, Jan Collings, Joe Creek,
Tony Greer, Dorothy Norman,
Polly Padgett, Jim Raba, Marty Reeve, Ben Roller,
Jill Trautman, Peggy Volin, Joe Waliser

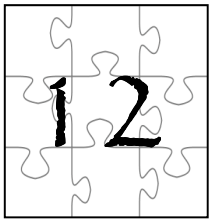
Repose

Bridget Hansen

Collection Report

October 12, 2008

Loose	$ 1,768.49
Envelopes	1,330.00
Votive	5.00
Student	51.09
Building Fund	50.00
Other	105.00
Total	$ 3,309.58



A few years ago we began to see some of our youth wearing soft, flexible wrist bands with the letters WWJD on them. The bands were a reminder for our young people to ask themselves a question when confronted with a decision, "What Would Jesus Do?"

Jesus has no hands

Jesus is no longer walking the earth with us, but he has called us to continue his work and to be his hands. Just as he sent his disciples, he also sends us. We have the opportunity daily to be Christ to those we encounter at home, in our place of work, where we shop, everywhere we go. We begin by treating others with love, by simple and sincere caring and by recognizing Christ in everyone.

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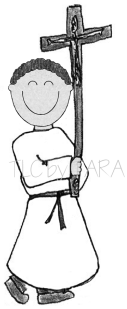
But how can we be his hands to those in our wider community and parish? One way is to support the activities of our parish through the ministries that are active at OLBH. Please study the bulletin insert, which lists some brief examples of the efforts of our various OLBH ministries that offer a hand to run the parish, provide community outreach, foster faith formation, and support liturgical and musical needs.

yours.

Consider what you can do to support these ministries with your unique gifts and talents. At our Ministry Fair on October 25 - 26 you will have an opportunity to join the ministry that is the best "fit" for you. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve**…….will you be Jesus' hands?**

Our Lady of the Black Hills
2008-2009 Parish Ministries

Liturgical Ministries



Altar Linens: Wash and press the linens used during celebration of the Eucharist. (Kathy Amiotte, 718-2377)

Altar Servers: Assist the Priest in the celebration of the Liturgy. (Estela and Erik Haakedahl, 721-9056; Jayme and Reggie Hunt, 722-2529)

Art and Environment: Help decorate for the Liturgical seasons. (Joyce Williamson, 787-7075)

Bread Bakers: Bake the unleavened bread used for the Eucharistic Liturgy. (Mary Blauvelt, 343-6906)

Candles: Clean candle holders and replenish candles used for devotion to the Holy Family. (Mary Antonsen, 787-5622)

Eucharistic Ministers: Distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to our parish community. (Judy Wilson, 787-4673)

Lectors: Proclaim the Word of God during Liturgy. (Judy and Denny Olson, 721-9046; Sue and Steve Colgan, 394-5586)

Liturgy Committee: Participate in planning and preparing the elements of the Liturgy. (Lorraine Ptacek, 787-9239)

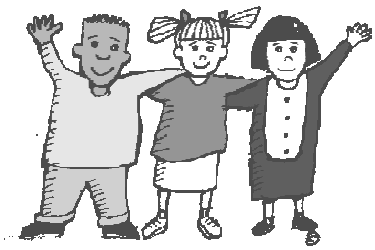
Music Ministry: Participate as a singer, musician, accompanist, or cantor. (Lorraine Ptacek, 787-9239)

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Take the Eucharist to those unable to attend Liturgy due to illness. (Kathy and Ken Van Asma, 787-6218)

Sacristans: Help coordinate each celebration of the Liturgy. (Barb and Gary Erickson, 716-5052)

Ushers: Welcome those gathering for Liturgy. (Jim Pulaski, 430-1003)

Faith Formation Ministries



Gatherings of Grace: There are many ways to help provide intergenerational faith formation for the whole community. (Teresa Thompson, 787-5168)

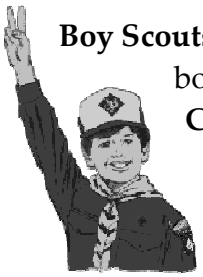
Returning Catholics Ministry: Help with this new program designed to seek out and encourage those who have left the church but wish to return. (Greg Sass, 348-2213)

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Assist with this class designed for those who are seeking to come into the Catholic faith. (Lori Miller, 642-3312; Bernadette and John Usera)

Vocations Committee: Help encourage vocations. (Deacon John Osnes, 787-5862; Bernadette Usera, 720-9424; Larry Williamson, 787-7075)

Youth Ministry: Help provide for the catechetical, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of our youth. (Teresa Thompson, 787-5168)

Community Outreach Ministries



Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts: Serve as a role model teaching, training, and camping with young boys. (Pete Jerzak, 721-4348)

Card Ministry: Prepare and send cards to parish families experiencing special occasions or suffering a loss. (Pam VenJohn, 787-6183)

Coffee Hour: Help coordinate and serve coffee, rolls, and fruit after Liturgy. (Parish office, 787-5168)

Funeral Committee: Prepare and serve funeral luncheons. (Patty Creek, 787-5511; Diane Norman, 923-6568; Loretta Wiehl, 923-1603)

Knights of Columbus: Join this Catholic men's group and provide support to our parish and local community. (John Wang, 718-8913)

Peace and Justice Committee: Participate in outreach and mission projects. (Kelli Wilson, 787-6064; Eileen Desmond, 787-9151)

Piedmont Valley Food Pantry: Collect, organize, and distribute food to local families in need. (Judy Roemmich, 716-4647)

Prayer Blanket Ministry: Make blankets for those who need prayers and comforting. (Barb Coyle, 343-9349)

Prayer Chain: Pray for those in need. (Parish office, 787-5168)

Stewardship Committee: Help host events that encourage friendship through fellowship. (Karen and Wes Mendenhall, 787-5998)

Welcoming Committee: Welcome new parishioners and provide them with information. (Karen and Wes Mendenhall, 787-5998; Pam and Ken Freeman, 787-6315)

Widowed Women's Group: Reach out to other widows and gather for luncheons and special adventures. (Patty Cariveau, 718-5882)

Administrative Ministries

Administrative Committee: Help with parish administrative tasks. (Lorinda Collings, 787-5623)

Building and Maintenance Committee: Assist with building maintenance and minor repairs. (Jim Wranek, 342-4979)

Collection Counters: Count and record the weekly offerings. (Pam Wentz, 787-4391)

Finance Committee: Oversee parish finances and balance the finances, needs, and goals of the parish. (Don Thrall, 787-5105)

Grounds Committee: Help keep our church grounds beautiful. (Rebeca Lyle, 716-1624)

Library Committee: Help maintain the OLBH Library. (Mary Coffin, 718-7431)

Pastoral Council: Consult with the priest to help promote a dynamic, faith-filled community. This is an elected position. (Henry Maicki, 787-4169; Larry Williamson, 787-7075)